



Tennessee Department of Health INFANT MORTALITY FACT SHEET

Key Definitions:

Infant Mortality: Death of a live birth between birth and the first birthday.

Infant Mortality Rate: Number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Neonate: Infant between birth and 27 days old.

Neonatal Mortality Rate: Number of deaths of infants under 28 days of age, per 1,000 live births.

Post-neonate: Infant between 28 days and one year old.

Post-neonatal Mortality Rate: The number of deaths of infants that occur between 28 days and 365 days after birth, per 1,000 live births.

Fetal Death: A fetal death of 500 grams or more or, in the absence of weight, of 22 completed weeks of gestation or more. (Note: Induced abortions are excluded from the fetal death count.)

Low Birthweight: A live birth weighing less than 2,500 grams or 5 pounds 8 ounces.

Very Low Birthweight: A live birth weighing less than 1,500 grams or 3 pounds 4 ounces.

Extremely Low Birthweight: A live birth weighing less than 1,000 grams or 2 pounds 3 ounces.

Normal Birthweight: Weight at birth which is at least 2,500 grams or 5 pounds 9 ounces, regardless of the period of gestation.

Race: Live births are reported by race of mother instead of race of child.

Resident Data: Data allocated to the place in Tennessee where the person normally resided, regardless of where the event occurred.